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	E.	3,901,242	08/26/75	Storz	128	303	05/30/74
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	I.	4,040,426	08/09/77	Morrison, Jr.	128	303	01/16/76
	J.	4,043,342	08/23/97	Morrison, Jr.	128	303	02/26/76
	K.	4,074,718	02/21/78	Morrison, Jr.	128	303	03/17/76
	L.	4,092,986	06/06/78	Schneideman	128	303	06/14/76
	M.	4,116,198	09/26/78	Roos	128	303	05/14/76
	N.	4,181,131	01/01/80	Ogiu	128	303	02/23/78
	O.	4,184,492	01/22/80	Meinke et al.	128	303	05/30/78
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	Q.	4,228,800	10/21/80	Degler, Jr. et al.	128	303	04/04/78
	R.	4,232,676	11/11/80	Herczog	128	303	11/16/78
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	T.	4,326,529	04/27/82	Doss et al.	128	303	12/05/79
	U.	4,381,007	04/26/83	Doss	128	303	04/30/81
	V.	4,474,179	10/02/84	Koch	606	40	05/13/82
	W.	4,476,862	10/16/84	Pao	128	303	09/30/82
	X.	4,532,924	08/06/85	Auth et al.	128	303	04/30/82
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	D.	4,658,817	04/21/87	Hardy	606	14	04/01/85
	E.	4,660,571	04/28/87	Hess et al.	128	784	07/18/85
	F.	4,674,499	06/23/87	Pao	128	303	01/10/85
	G.	4,682,596	07/28/87	Bales et al.	128	303	05/22/84
	H.	4,706,667	11/17/87	Roos	128	303	07/28/86
	I.	4,727,874	03/01/88	Bowers et al.	128	303	09/10/84
	J.	4,765,331	08/23/88	Petruzzi et al.	128	303	02/10/87
	K.	4,785,823	11/22/88	Eggers et al.	128	692	07/21/87
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	M.	4,823,791	04/25/89	D'Amelio et al.	123	303	05/08/87
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	O.	4,907,589	03/13/90	Cosman	606	34	04/29/88
	P.	4,920,978	05/01/90	Colvin	128	784	08/31/88
	Q.	4,931,047	06/05/90	Broadwin et al.	604	22	09/30/87
	R.	4,936,281	06/26/90	Stasz	128	660	04/13/89
	S.	4,936,301	06/26/90	Rexroth et al.	606	45	06/23/87
	T.	4,943,290	07/24/90	Rexroth et al.	606	45	04/27/89
	U.	4,966,597	10/30/90	Cosman	606	50	11/04/88
	V.	4,967,765	11/06/90	Tumer et al.	128	785	07/28/88
	W.	4,976,711	12/11/90	Parins et al.	606	48	04/13/89
	X.	4,979,948	12/25/90	Geddes et al.	606	33	04/13/89
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	G.	5,084,044	01/28/92	Quint	606	27	07/14/89		
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	I.	5,088,997	02/18/92	Delahuerge et al.	606	42	03/15/90		
	J.	5,099,840	03/31/92	Goble	128	422	01/23/89		
	K.	5,125,928	06/30/92	Parins et al.	606	48	02/19/91		
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	P.	5,192,280	03/09/93	Parins	606	48	11/25/91		
	Q.	5,195,959	03/23/93	Smith	604	34	05/31/91		
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	T.	5,108,391	04/28/92	Flachenecker et al.	606	38	05/05/89		
	U.	5,112,330	05/12/92	Nishigaki et al.	606	46	05/23/89		
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	X.	5,207,675	05/04/93	Canady	606	40	07/15/91		
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	D.	5,273,524	12/28/93	Fox et al.	604	21	10/09/91
	E.	5,277,201	01/11/94	Stem	607	98	05/01/92
	F.	5,281,216	01/25/94	Klicek	606	42	03/31/92
	G.	5,290,282	03/01/94	Casscells	606	29	06/26/92
	H.	5,300,069	04/05/94	Hunsberger et al.	606	37	08/12/92
	I.	5,306,238	04/26/94	Fleenor	606	42	09/13/91
	J.	5,312,400	05/17/94	Bales et al.	606	41	10/09/92
	K.	5,314,406	05/24/94	Arias et al.	604	21	10/09/92
	L.	5,324,254	06/28/94	Phillips	604	21	01/13/93
	M.	5,330,470	07/19/94	Hagen	606	42	07/02/92
	N.	5,334,140	08/02/94	Philips	604	35	01/12/93
	O.	5,336,443	08/09/94	Eggers	252	511	02/22/93
	P.	5,342,357	08/30/94	Nardella	606	40	11/13/92
	Q.	5,366,443	11/22/94	Eggers et al.	604	114	10/09/92
	R.	5,370,675	12/06/94	Edwards et al.	607	101	02/02/93
	S.	5,374,261	12/20/94	Yoon	604	385.01	10/23/90
	T.	5,375,588	12/27/94	Yoon	128	4	08/17/92
	U.	5,380,277	01/10/95	Phillips	604	33	11/02/93
	V.	5,380,316	01/10/95	Aita	606	7	06/16/93
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	C.	5,423,882	06/13/95	Jackman et al.	607	122	07/06/94		
	D.	5,441,499	08/15/95	Fritzsch	606	45	07/13/94		
	E.	5,451,224	09/19/95	Goble et al.	606	48	02/25/93		
	F.	5,454,809	10/03/95	Janssen	606	41	04/19/94		
	G.	5,419,767	05/30/95	Eggers et al.	604	114	08/24/93		
	H.	5,423,810	06/13/95	Goble et al.	606	40	02/25/93		
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	J.	5,437,662	08/01/95	Nardella	606	40	02/17/94		
	K.	5,438,302	08/01/95	Goble	331	167	07/11/94		
	L.	5,496,312	03/05/96	Klicek	606	34	10/07/93		
	M.	5,496,314	03/05/96	Eggers	606	41	10/09/92		
	N.	5,496,317	03/05/96	Goble et al.	606	48	05/03/94		
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	P.	5,554,152	09/10/96	Aita	606	7	12/20/94		
	Q.	5,556,397	09/17/96	Long et al.	606	48	10/26/94		
	R.	5,569,242	10/29/96	Lax et al.	606	42	02/16/95		
	S.	5,571,100	11/05/96	Goble et al.	606	41	10/28/94		
	T.	5,584,872	12/17/96	LaFontaine et al.	607	117	03/11/94		
	U.	5,609,151	03/11/97	Mulier et al.	128	642	09/18/94		
	V.	5,633,578	05/27/97	Eggers et al.	323	301	07/15/94		
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	K.	5,807,395	09/15/98	Mulier et al.	606	41	04/22/97
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	M.	6,068,628	05/30/00	Fanton et al.	606	41	08/20/96
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